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PUBLIC INVITED TO LEWIS AND CLARK PRESENTATIONS

MISSOULA —

Explorers Lewis and Clark and their Corps of Discovery will take center stage at two free, public presentations in Missoula this month.

The events -- one a lively comedy, the other a demonstration of tools used by the explorers -- are part of the third annual Lewis and Clark Summer Institute at The University of Montana. The institute will be hosted July 11-16 by UM's Earth Observing System Education Project.

On Monday, July 12, a "Lewis and Clark Living History Presentation" will take place at the Bonner Park Band Shell from 6 to 8 p.m. Dressed in period attire, Bureau of Land Management employee Stephen Morehouse will demonstrate replicas of tools used by Lewis and Clark during their historic journey. Morehouse is nationally recognized for his authenticity in style, gear and supplies.

"Manifest Scrutiny: Re-Interpreting the Corps of Discovery" will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, July 16, at the UM Oval. Performing artists Ritchie Doyle and David Jolles will play the roles of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark as the two co-commanders attempt to set the historical record straight from a 21st-century perspective. Through the use of stories (from the "lost journals"), music and dance, this comedy focuses on the transcontinental

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expedition as seen through Lewis and Clark's eyes some 200 years after the fact. They will enlist audience participation and discuss everything from where they really slept to whether they actually discovered anything at all.

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